

HOUSE BILL 3993

By McDonald

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 15; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7; Title 13, Chapter 18; Title 13, Chapter 19; Title 49; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to energy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is established a special committee to be known as the Tennessee renewable energy study committee. The study committee shall investigate the use of renewable energy portfolio standards and renewable energy credits to increase the efficiency of energy use in the state.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of six (6) members as follows:

- (1) Three (3) senators appointed by the speaker of the senate; and
- (2) Three (3) representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 3. The committee shall be convened by the member with the most continuous service in the general assembly. The committee shall elect a chair at its first meeting. The chair shall hold such hearings, invite such guests, convene such meetings, and otherwise conduct such business as the chair deems necessary for the committee to efficiently and effectively perform its duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 4. Four (4) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of those members present shall be required for any action taken by the committee. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, meetings may be conducted by use of telephonic equipment or other appropriate methods authorized by the chair, and members who take advantage of such methods shall be considered to be in attendance at the meeting for all purposes.

SECTION 5. The committee shall present a final report to the senate environment, conservation, and tourism committee, the conservation and environment committee of the house of representatives, the senate commerce, labor, and agriculture committee, and the house commerce committee no later than February 2, 2009, and the committee shall cease to exist after presenting its final report.

SECTION 6. The members of the study committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations pursuant to Section 5 and shall be paid as members of the general assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in § 3-1-106.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.